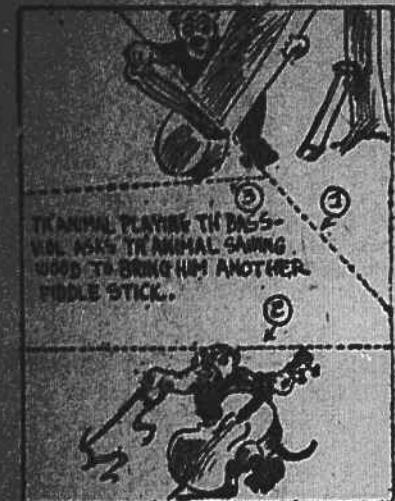


Town Talk

MOVING PICTURE FUNNIES.



Can you tell the picture on all four sides. Then carefully fold dotted line 1 its entire length. Then dotted line 2 and so on. Fold each section underneath accurately. When completed turn over and you'll find a surprising result. Save the pictures.

THE WEATHER.

West Virginia—Rain turning to snow and colder tonight.

Local Readings.

F. P. Hall, Ob.

Temperature at

8 a. m. today, 55.

Yesterday's weather, rain; temperature, maximum, 55;

minimum, 43; precipitation, 1.01.

River 20.6 feet.

EVENTS TONIGHT.

Moore home—Moore.

Odd Fellows' hall—Palatine Lodge, 1 O. O. F.

Skinner building—Ladies of the Golden Link.

Willard hall—Marion Review, Women's Benefit Association, Macabees.

Y. M. C. A.—Open house, 8 to 10.

Monongahela—Dance at Lyric theatre, 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Interested Also—At a recent meeting the Business Men's Association of Grafton made arrangements to get into touch with the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce in regard to the Monongahela Railway passenger service. Grafton wants the trains run so that they may make proper connections with Grafton.

Many at Watch Meeting—The watch meeting at the First M. E. church last night was largely attended by members of the congregation notwithstanding the unfavorable weather conditions. A missionary program occupied the first hours of the evening followed by a social hour while the time from 10:30 to midnight was given over to the observance of the Lord's Supper, consecration and testimony services.

Deeds Filed—The following deeds are filed for recording in the county clerk's office: Fairmont Building and Investment company to W. Earl Wise, land in East Park, \$950; Brooks Morgan to William W. Jeffers, land in Winfield, \$500; O. J. Fleming and wife to George Lowe, land in Edgemont, \$500; Nelson Robinson to Mrs. Mayne Slidley, land in Mannington, \$3,700; W. E. Shaver and wife to J. D. Victor, land in Worthington, \$160; Woodlawn cemetery to Perry Batson, land in cemetery, \$20.

Medical Society Meeting—Dr. E. P. Smith was elected president of the Marion County Medical Association at a meeting of that organization held last night. Dr. J. A. Reidy was elected vice president. Dr. C. O. Henry, secretary; Dr. O. W. Waddell, treasurer, and Dr. C. S. Fleming, censor.

Mustered Out—Corporal Abe Phillips, former manager of the Fairmont store of the Peoples Clothing company, has been mustered out at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., and is now visiting in the city.

Hard from Son—Mrs. Mary Yates, of 415 Gaston avenue, received word from her son, Donald Yates, an engineer in France, to the effect that he is well, but hard at work.

Sherry Boykes Home—Marshall Boykes, a well known young Fairmont barber who was sent to Camp Lee in one of the early drafts last year, arrived home yesterday and this morning resumed work at his old place in the D. C. Bahn barber shop in Main street.

Soldier Has Heir—Chief Cook Donnie Rowland has returned to Base Hospital after a furlough with friends and relatives. While at home he was presented with a baby boy weighing 7 1/2 pounds. It has been named Robert Gilbert Rowland. The mother and babe are both getting along fine. Mrs. Rowland was formerly Miss Anna Shaw, of the East.

Landlide—Because of a landslide at Chilton yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Clarksburg interurban car service was interrupted for an hour or more.

An Incubator Baby—An infant daughter was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holyday at their home in the Barnes building on Upper Main street. It was taken at once to Cook hospital by Dr. L. D. Howard, and is now in an incubator.

Surgical Operations—G. D. Parker, of 307 Murray avenue, and Jas. Bray, of Edgemont, underwent minor operations this morning at Cook hospital. Several other operations were to be performed this afternoon.

FRIGID BREWING IN POSEN. BASEL, Switzerland, Jan. 1.—German authorities in German Poland have declared Posen under martial law, according to a report received here from Posen.

ELKINS TO KEEP HANDS OFF THE LEGISLATURE

Hopes, However, Course Adopted will be Conservative.

M' DERMOTT SPOKESMAN

New United States Senator is Still in the U. S. Army.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—There was a happy meeting today, the two principal actors being (there were no spectators) Major Davis Elkins, U. S. Senator-elect from West Virginia, and Col. Joseph H. McDermott, of Morgantown.

It must be imagined: Likely enough there was smashing he-man blows on the shoulder, musing up the well-won gold insignia upon the Elkins' uniform, iron-like hand grasps, and a torrent of words ejaculations rife with politeness in "Dog gone your old pictures, how are you, any old how," such as men who have a real friendship and a common cause for jubilation are known to express it.

But—well, there were no spectators, and the imagination of those conversant with the relations of the prominent pair has full license to run amuck.

The cause of it all—to revert for a few moments—is that Col. Josephus Hamblin McDermott, of the burg of Morgantown, is the man who conceived the idea of writing the scenario of the Elkins' candidacy. He organized the historic-political product and made a success of it. He organized the Elkins' candidacy, put it across, and having nominated his man retired to the background and left it up to State Chairman William E. Baker, Charles E. Coffman, and all other Republicans and no small outfit of Democrats to elect the popular and gallant Major. Everybody, including Col. C. W. Watson, at present of France, knows what came of that.

It was the first meeting between the two of them and, without further ado and waste of space about it, it was some reunion with the accent on the some. Seen at the Willard after it, Col. McDermott was in a happy mood. "Major Elkins," he said, "is still in the army and, although his resignation is pending and will probably be accepted, he is not talking politics yet. However, I may say for him, that he has no intention of taking any part whatsoever in the organization of the two houses of the legislature. If he visits Charleston at all, it will be long after the organization is effected. I do not know that it is of the same importance, but you may add for me that I do not expect to be in Charleston until the session is well under way, if at all."

"I know that Major Elkins, as well as all do, feels a grave interest in the outcome of the session, and sincerely hope for success. All Republicans must, and, indeed, do, realize the great responsibility that rests upon the representatives of the party who will compose the Legislature. The party will be held to a 'strict accountability' for what is done. The times are so unusual and the conditions so unprecedented, that the responsibility is greatly enhanced beyond what it has ever before been. The greatest care and caution should be observed. The prosperity of our state wavers in the balance. For a time, we should be absolutely conservative, scrupulous in our effort to be just to all; do what we can, or do very little it needs be, to lighten the great burdens, unwind the entanglements, and restore the natural laws of business and the economic machinery, all of which have been seriously interfered with by the war."

"I hope for a sane, safe, solid, dependable leadership. We can afford to wait a more favorable time than now for legislative experiments, untried legal inventions, and novel innovations of a statutory character. We are confronted right now with a condition and not a theory, and when in doubt it may be best for our state not to do it. I think that the people of the state will be entirely satisfied, indeed exceedingly grateful, if the Legislature does only that which all agree must be done, and leaves the rest to another time."

"It is up to the Republican party to make good in West Virginia, and I believe that it will. We are all together. The last campaign showed it and the election proved it. We are done tight, one another and electing Democrats to office. I don't expect to live to see any more factionalism such as we have had in the party ever again. We are all tired of it, see the futility and silliness of it, and we are capable of settling our differences early and presenting a united front to the opposition party. The sentiment of our party is against strife among the leaders. It demands harmony and unity, and it will get it. United we are unbeatable, and that is the way we propose to be henceforth. I can say to you that Major Elkins feels that way about it. He and his friends will strive to build up and unite the party, try to do justice to all, and put forth every legitimate effort to make the party representative of the majority opinion of our people, worthy of confidence and trust, and victorious because it deserves to be from now on."

Col. McDermott, in the course of his remarks, stated that he was not in politics in the sense of cherishing an ambition to run for office himself. In fact, from that standpoint, he declared he was not in politics at all. At one time, a few years ago, he was a member of the State Senate and was president of that body. His friends say of him that he was the best the Senate ever had.

Hospital Association Elects Officers

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 1.—The third annual convention of the West Virginia Hospital Association which has been in session here since Monday afternoon was brought to a close yesterday, election of officers for the ensuing year resulting as follows:

President—Dr. J. A. Guthrie, Guthrie hospital, Huntington.

First vice president—Dr. Charles F. Hicks, Emergency hospital No. 1, Welch.

Second vice president—Dr. S. B. Lawson, Logan.

Secretary-treasurer—Miss Knight, superintendent C. & O. hospital, Huntington.

Executive committee—Dr. J. A. Guthrie, Huntington; Dr. W. A. McMillan, Charleston; Dr. C. A. Wingerter, Wheeling; Dr. P. O. Clark, Wheeling.

Chairman membership and auditing committee, Dr. H. H. Farley, Logan; legislative committee, Dr. George A. MacQueen, Dr. W. A. McMillan, Charleston; W. C. Lyon, superintendent Sheltering Arms hospital, Hansford.

The time and place for the next annual meeting of the association is to be determined by the executive committee.

The association has an official representation of forty-three of the fifty-two hospitals in the state, which is the largest percentage of any state in the United States.

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empt from all debts provable August 20, 1917. An investigation of the records, the Pittsburgh dispatches state, revealed that Mr. Thompson individually had been discharged from bankruptcy on December 17, 1913.

Order is Held Up.

As a result of the protest which the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association and other coal trade organizations made to C. H. Markham, Philadelphia, regional director of the Allegheny region, United States Railroad administration, has held up the order making operators prepay coal shipments to tidewater points. The order will not be effective until a hearing is given to the operators, which will be during this month. The order was originally planned to go into effect today.

Plenty of Cars.

There are 2,453 cars in the Fairmont region today and the placement at 7 o'clock this morning was 1,743. The cars today are classified as follows: Coal, 2,375; cake, 69; team track, 6.

Light Loading.

With today New Year's Day the loading in the Fairmont region, it is expected, will not be very heavy. While most of the mines are working many of the miners have quit work for the day.

Yesterday's Loading.

There were 837 cars loaded in the Fairmont region yesterday. Of this number 767 went east and 70 went west. There were 755 coal and 12 coke cars loaded east and 43 coal and 22 coke cars loaded west.

Office Closes Down.

With this the first of the year today the office of administrative engineer to the state fuel administrator of West Virginia ceased to function. Although the office has been closed R. E. Rightmire will be a busy man during the next week or more closing up his records.

Mr. Rightmire has taken his office in the room now occupied by the state fuel administrator in the Fairmont Trust company building. This is the second division to close of the fuel administration, the first having been the production division.

Regional Meetings.

A series of regional meetings have been arranged by F. J. Patton, secretary of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association. They include gatherings at Morgantown, Clarksburg and Fairmont, but no dates have been set as yet. Matters to be brought up at the meeting at the National Coal Association in Washington, D. C., on January 8, will be discussed in advance of that session.

Isner in Elkins.

R. B. Isner, district representative of the United States fuel administration, in the Fairmont region, left here for Elkins last night. He will spend New Year's Day at his home in Elkins and will return to Fairmont tomorrow.

M. & W. Working Again.

With the advent of the new year the Morgantown and Wheeling Railroad company started operations. This is the means of bringing considerable coal to the Monongahela Railway, which carries it to various points for operators in the Morgantown section.

Taking the Soldiers.

R. M. Hite in the conduct of his mines has directed that soldier boys, who had previously been connected with the mines, be given the right of way. While the Hite mines at Morgan and Kingmont have an adequate number of men they need some at Francis mine.

Home from Morgantown.

C. H. Kimmel, connected with the district representative's office of the United States fuel administration, was in Morgantown yesterday. He was at his desk in the local office today.

Mr. Wolfe's Guest.

Lieutenant Commander John Holmes Magruder, Washington, D. C., United States Navy, is the guest of his cousin, John M. Wolfe, general manager of the Jamison Coal and Coke company operations in the Fairmont region.

Miners' Classes.

Next Monday miners' classes will start in the Fairmont region. The state of West Virginia has appropriated a sum of money for the education of miners, and West Virginia University, Morgantown, with the cooperation of the coal companies has established eight schools at the mines in several communities for miners and mine workers. Instruction is given at the mines after working hours and at a time most suitable to the workmen along educational lines. It affords the miner a chance to secure an education

without a cent cost.

Next week these classes will be held in the region: January 8th at Clarksburg; January 7th at Watson; January 8th at Monongah; January 9th at Ida May; January 10th at Gypsy; January 11th at Clarksburg; January 12th at Watson; January 13th at Monongah; January 14th at Ida May; January 15th at Gypsy; January 16th at Clarksburg; January 17th at Watson.

Argentine Needs Coal.

Although Argentina apparently has felt the war less than probably any other country, according to reports it is sorely in need of an adequate coal supply. The coal shortage has been keenly felt and the railroads extending to the lumber camps well in the interior are strained in carrying fuel. Buenos Aires had endeavored to save coal by the observance of light conservation.

Coal to Martinique.

Imports of coal at Martinique (French West Indies) last year totaled 78,763.1 metric tons of which amount 74,308.3 metric tons were received from the United States.

Yankees in Russia Forcing the Fighting

ARCHANGEL, Tuesday, Dec. 31.—(By Associated Press)—American troops yesterday recaptured the village of Paganah in the middle sector of the northern Russian front and today pushed forward their line a distance of two miles south of the village in the direction of Vologda.

Released From Army Taken on Old Charge

Deputy United States Marshal Moore has returned from Clarksburg where he arrested Arden Beck, charged with bringing whiskey from Marietta, Ohio, to Clarksburg last June. Beck went into service about the time he was to have been arrested last year has just been discharged. He was taken before Commissioner Lohm and after a hearing was held for the action of the grand jury in Parkersburg next month. Not able to furnish bond he was placed in jail at Clarksburg.

Suspects in \$700 Robbery Released

Fred Fischehenko and John Makenko were brought before Justice Conaway yesterday afternoon on charge of stealing \$700 from Mike Bilanko Saturday night. They were released because of lack of sufficient evidence to hold them. Mike claims he took the money out of the bank intending to pay a visit to New York. He left it in his overcoat pocket while he went upstairs to dress. Both Fred and John roomed in the same house and were there at the time of the robbery, the only men, according to Mike who knew he had the money. Mike was sorry indeed at the turn of affairs and hates awfully to lose his money.

Preston County Buckwheat, home style, for breakfast each morning.

FOOD CONTROL IS TO BE CONTINUED

Only Paid Employees of the Administration Have Dropped Out.

Today the partial demobilization of the Food Administration very materially reduced the working force at state headquarters. E. W. Oglebay, federal food administrator for West Virginia, has been asked by the authorities at Washington to dismiss all paid workers at state headquarters, but to retain the services of the voluntary workers, including county food administrators, and as a skeleton organization to continue the enforcement of price regulations and to prevent profiteering in food products, and to form a basis of a new organization, should future requirements demand it.

Partial demobilization of the food administration and the withdrawal of many of its rules and regulations have given many the impression in some quarters that all food administration activities have ceased or are shortly to cease. This is not the case, however.

The act, creating the food administration, imposes upon the administration certain obligations which continue until presidential proclamation releases us from the food control act, and particularly the obligation to curb profiteering and speculation in licensed food products. This function must continue to be performed and there is no intention of relaxing in this direction.

It has been possible, now, that peace has been assured, to cancel many requirements for reports and many details of the regulations, but the profit margins and rules have been for the most part retained, and will be enforced by the revocation of licenses and other appropriate penalties.

It is expected that it will be possible from time to time to remove certain commodities from the license list, but this will be listed to commodities which do not seem to be subject to the possibility of speculation and profiteering.

In other words, there is much work still before the food administration to provide more than 20,000,000 tons of food for export for relief of many millions of people facing famine and at the same time protect the American consumer by curbing profiteering and speculation in foodstuffs.

Italy is Mobilizing Against Bolshevism

(By Associated Press) COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1.—Large forces of Italian troops are concentrated near Innsbruck, Austria, and, according to reports from Berlin, it is presumed the concentration is directed against Munich. Berlin reports say that if bolshevism breaks out in south Germany the Italian troops will occupy that region.

SIX INCH SHELLS SPOIL ONES SLEEP

Therefore LeRoy Spencer Is Glad the War is Over.

LeRoy Spencer, who for a number of years was a meat cutter with the Wise meat market was a cook with the headquarters company of the 314th field artillery, in which command there are quite a number of Marion county young men, has written the following letter to his father, George B. Spencer, who lives just outside the city on Rural route No. 1:

Dear Dad and All: Well, I am still on the front, but the great war is all over, and here is one (myself) that certainly is glad, for it is not very pleasant to lay down and go to sleep at nights or try too, when the Germans are sending 3 to 6 inch shells over, and they are bursting all around you.

Well, I have seen great sights, things that I never can forget, and I have had some very close calls myself. The last city which the Germans were driven out, in fact, the one we are in now, we had just advanced about four miles, and started a fire in a building, as we all had to keep under cover much as possible. Well, old Jerry got one of his big guns working, and got range on us, and bang, bang, bang. The third took most of the roof off, but as luck was no one was hurt, except one fellow got a wound in the arm.

Well, all the boys in our company are well, that is, with us, some have been gassed and sent to hospital, and others are among the missing. Well,

In the last letter I wrote you I did not think I would be here to help out some of them and back home out of you, maybe I will yet. Here in the line we have received all the letters you written. I think, and I get of Mollie the other day and Richard, and interesting letters. I don't see he could think of so much to write. It was a dandy. Well, how is the rest of you? Well, I hope, it is not too bad. I hope none of you got it. Well, we are going to move from here soon, but I have been traveling some for the last 30 days, and haven't had much time to write. I expect Chas. will think it funny I haven't written to him or Jessie Rager, but I have been so busy and scarce of ink and paper, as the U. S. C. A. has not been close to where I could get either.

The French look up to the Yankees now, as they realize they have shown them all a thing or two in fighting. Well, I have some long story to tell you when I get back, so I will not tell you on paper, for I will tell you all the paper there was in France. Well, hope this will find every body well. It leaves me the same, so tell me, don't have to worry any more, for I won't be long until I am back in the old U. S. A., so good night.

Your son, ROY.

METZ.

Harry Brummage has returned home from Camp Lee, having received a temporary discharge. He and wife will leave in a few days to make their home in Wayneburg, Pa., where he will work in the oil field.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes of Morgantown spent Christmas here with their daughter, Mrs. Isaac Campbell. The Fairmont Traction company bought the William Roby gas well. Joseph Campbell spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Elham Nichols, in Colfax.

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